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The Columbia-Hamilton Debate

The Columbia-Hamilton debate took place Feb. 22nd at Columbia, between the Philolexian and Kirkland clubs. The former with the best of intentions perhaps, were very negligent in the matter of preparations. At the hour appointed for the debate, only one of the three judges chosen put in an appearance. For a half hour strenuous efforts were made by both Hamilton and Columbia men to patch up this discrepancy, but in vain. It was impossible to find two men in the audience who could serve impartially. Accordingly the debate proceeded with only one judge, a condition not desirable for either side.

The question was: Resolved, That the interests of civilization, demand that Russia be prevented, by force if necessary, from extending her boundaries.

The Kirkland men debated well. They had plenty of arguments and presented them in a plain and wide awake way. As was commented by a Columbia man, "they showed a fine style of debating in that they did not use notes." The Philolexians resorted to manuscripts and notes, consequently their debating was slower and more inflexible.

The presiding officer was Prof. F. M. Burdick, a graduate of and former professor in this college. The judge was Prof. C. A. Hartwell.

At the close of the debate the Hamilton alumni, who constituted relatively a very large share of the audience, were confident of victory, but an impartial judge thought differently, and the team from the Hill were denied the pleasure of bringing back the laurels of victory.

However our team may have felt concerning the debate, such feelings were soon forgotten in the entertainment that followed. The Philolexians led the way to the Harlem Casino where a banquet was served in honor of the vanquished team. Here the hosts outdid themselves in kindness and hospitality, and at a late hour their guests departed, feeling that

they had indeed been royally entertained. Hamilton's debaters were: Carr, (capt.), Collins, and Sullivan, while Columbia's team was composed of Butler, Lawton and Tucker.

The Final Rehearsals.

Those who expect to participate in the athletic events next Wednesday evening, should be at the gymnasium Monday afternoon with their complete suits for a dress rehearsal. It is absolutely necessary that every man should be on time, and also be dressed as he intends to appear at the Majestic. "Uncle John" wishes to go through all the acrobatic numbers; consequently the time will be limited and no one should cause any delay. Between four and five o'clock the acrobatics, parallel bars, flying rings, etc., will be practiced. At five o'clock, sharp, the pyramid classes will be given the floor.

Wednesday afternoon at half-past two all those who take part will be at the Majestic theatre for the final rehearsal before the public appearance. Every man must meet this engagement, because it is imperative that all become accustomed to the theater stage in this preliminary exhibition. "Uncle John" promises a much greater success this year than last; he has worked hard to train his large class and deserves the hearty praise of the College for his untiring efforts. While the program has not yet been arranged it will consist of the following numbers: Human pyramids, Roman ladders, wrestling, high dive, high jump, Indian club swinging, acrobatics, mandolin club, glee club, flying rings, parallel bars, solo by Merrick, impersonations by Strickland and Ehret, exhibition with 100-lb. dumb-bell, sparring and spring-board leaping.

—Although we all regret having lost the Columbia debate, we are perfectly satisfied with the knowledge that our team won great credit for Hamilton.

St. Lawrence 25. Hamilton 23.

The game with St. Lawrence last Thursday night came very near not taking place. The visitors, somewhat delayed by snowed in trains, failed to acquaint our management of their whereabouts, so when the crowd gathered at the scheduled time they were dispersed by the "game called off" placard. Somewhat later, however, the St. Lawrence team appeared on the scene and after some discussion it was decided to yield them a point and play the game. The spectators cooled their heels while the traditional squabble over time, officials, etc., was being settled. About ten o'clock, having routed some of the Hamilton players out of bed, Referee Redmond blew the initiatory whistle.

The first half was decidedly in St. Lawrence's favor. We did some good individual work but failed as usual in swift, accurate passing. Time after time Alexander found the basket in beautiful form. As the half proceeded considerable rough playing crept in, resulting in a number of fouls being called on both teams. The call of time returned a score 18 to 9 in St. Lawrence's favor.

The second half was a fight "from the word go." Hamilton started in to win out, covering and passing in beautiful shape. Bramley quickly found the basket. Sherman scored on a foul. Bramley scored again and LeMunyan threw two brilliant goals in quick succession. Sherman's foul thrown; another sensational basket by LeMunyan, and Alexander's three goals were balanced; the score 25 to 23. With two to make the play was fast and furious for a couple of minutes and then Alexander won the game by a remarkable goal from the middle edge of the floor.

Hamilton played far and away her best game of the season, especially considering that the men were tired from previous practice, and were minus the services of Sicard, the regular center.

Line up:
St. Lawrence 25. Hamilton 23.

Forwards.	
Wagner, (Capt.)	T. Sherman.
Alexander.	LeMunyan.
Center.	
Hurlbut.	Schwartz.
Guards.	
Stevenson.	Bramley.
Ford.	S. Sherman, (Capt.)

Referee—Dan Redmond, '01. Umpire—M. Duryes. Timer—Sicard, '06. Scorer—Drummond, '06. Goals—Alexander 5, Bramley 5, LeMunyan 3, Stevenson 2, Hurlbut 2, T. Sherman 1, S. Sherman 1, Ford 1, Wagner 1. Fouls—Alexander 3, S. Sherman 3.

Another Good Time.

The Junior Whist Club met last week with the gentlemen of the Alpha Delta Phi. The meeting was not so well attended as usual because several of the fellows were sick and a few out of town. But those present made up for the absence of the others by noise and joviality and consequently every one had a good time. The club this year must have more time or less work than did the club last year, for every meeting is prolonged until the small hours of the morning, and even then it is hard to get away. The meeting last week was no exception to this rule. Every week makes us firmer in the belief that we are only just beginning to know each other. Next week the meeting will be held at the Psi U House.

Where Is the Press Club?

Is the Press Club alive or dead? Those who are in a position to know say that the club is still in existence, but there are no outward signs of an organization. Why all this folly of a president, secretary and treasurer of the Hamilton College Press Club resting in their easy chairs with the consciousness that "we are it" and no work required?

To be sure some work was done last fall, and there is a little, very little, accomplished now, but nothing towards getting College news in the great dailies.

How many articles concerning Hamilton College do you suppose the Press Club has mailed to New York papers since football season closed? Perhaps this is treading on somebody's toes, but the College would like to see this work pushed. Other colleges are much advertised through their press clubs, and we should also receive such notice.

Spirit in Basket Ball.

"When the class of 1901 graduated from college, Hamilton 'Spirit' was at its height." This remark was made by an undergraduate a few days ago, and such a statement grates on our ears. Yet the only reason that it affects us in this way is because there is more truth than fiction in it. It is in basket ball that the greater change has taken place. We find the varsity playing a scrub team of four men, night after night. At the games there are perhaps twenty men supporting the team. Whose fault is it? Not the team's surely? There is little doubt but that the student body is directly responsible for the down fall of basket ball in this college. Every one of us is willing to lustily rail at the faculty for adding their mite toward the destruction of basket ball. But fellows, come out and play, attend the games, cheer the team, show the players that you are behind them. Was a Hamilton foot ball team ever made by having the students sit in their rooms and laugh at it? Do you think that a basket ball team can be made in this way? Until we see the basket ball team of 1903-4 supported as the foot ball teams have always been, we fear that our friend, whose bold assertion is quoted at the beginning of this article, is correct.

The Rochester Game.

The members of the basket-ball team left Utica for Rochester on the Fast Mail Friday afternoon, Feb. 19, and reached their destination at 5:30 p. m. Milham, '01, Tuthill, '03, Bosworth, ex-'05, and Manager Peet, of University of Rochester, were at the train and took the hungry players immediately to the New Osborne house for dinner.

When the men entered the gymnasium the first thing to greet their eyes was this score, Univ. of Rochester 17, Princeton 10. Such an announcement gave promise that the game was to be warmly contested. The people of Rochester are fond of basket-ball, for there was a large crowd in attendance.

The game was called by the referee at 8:45. The playing started off briskly and continued close till the very end. The game was clean and fast, and the best of feeling was evidenced among the players. A small but vigorous bunch of Hamilton supporters, consisting of Milham, '99, Milham and Drummond, '01, Tuthill, '03, kept up the spirit

of the team. The score at the end of the first half was 9 to 3 in favor of Rochester. Hamilton rallied in the second half and two phenomenal baskets by T. Sherman and Sicard were the result. Rochester played us one point better making the final score 16 to 9 in Rochester's favor. The crowd was very enthusiastic over the game, and had nothing but praise to bestow on both teams for the excellent game they played.

Hamilton. Rochester.

Forwards.	
T. Sherman.	Wolcott.
LeMunyan.	Reed.
Center.	
Sicard.	Clark.
Guards.	
Bramley.	Hogan.
Sherman, (Capt.)	Love.

Goals—Reed 4, Wolcott 2, Love 1, T. Sherman 1, Sicard 1. Fouls—S. Sherman 5, Hogan 2. Referee 1st half Dr. Pollard, 2nd half Mr. Brown, Rochester Y. M. C. A. Timer Ferguson, '04. Time of halves twenty minutes.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Have your association dues ready for the collector when he comes around.

Prof. Wood makes the statement that at least forty per cent. of the men in college read three books a year, outside of actual requirements of reading in connection with college work. It is estimated that the percentage of magazine readers is larger. It certainly must be judging from the number of magazines carried off from the reading room.

The Intercollegian reports a marked interest developed in Bible study, throughout some of the Eastern colleges, and especially in those of the Middle West. Successful religious revivals have been conducted in numerous institutions.

Upper classmen and sophomores are reminded that the class in Old Testament Characters, conducted by Prof. Wood, will resume its meeting.

More men ought to come out for the student's meeting in Silliman Hall on Sunday afternoon. They are exceedingly informal and helpful.

The missionary department of the association is progressing in its course of study, and is finding this year's study both attractive and instructive. The dilatory members of the class are urged to attend occasionally. They are missing much.

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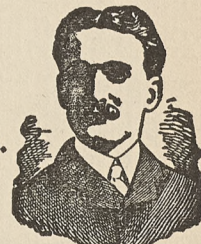
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THE WILLIAMS GAME.

After the fine exhibition of basket-ball that our team gave us Thursday, the College should wake up to the fact that we have a good team. Friday night of next week we play Williams College in Utica. The whole College must be there to support our players. What constant cheering can do was plainly shown at the St. Lawrence game. Certainly we can do much more at the Williams game.

HON. ST. CLAIR MCKELWAY'S ADDRESS.

Dr. Stryker should be congratulated for securing such an able and entertaining speaker as the Hon. St. Clair McKelway, for last Monday's exercises. The chapel was well filled when Dr. Stryker in a short complimentary speech introduced the editor of the Brooklyn Eagle. The keen wit with which Dr. McKelway prefaced his oration, kept the chapel in constant laughter, his characterization of the "nameless Hamiltonian" who beseeched him to deliver this address was especially appreciated. Then becoming serious he made clear in a forcible manner the great debt our country owes Washington for his accomplishments both in war and peace. He mentioned the cosmopolitan make up of our nation and urged the necessity of America assimilating all the best characteristics of the foreigners who come to her, and also the need of making Americanism more intense. With a final tribute to Washington the speaker closed his remarks. The chapel listened closely to every word uttered and showed by its rapt attention how it appreciated such a scholarly address.

EVERY MAN MUST BE THERE.

Before another week has passed our Gym. show of March 2nd will be over, a success or a failure according to the way we support it. The advance tickets are now in the hands of several fellows on the Hill, and these the college body should generously purchase, not merely every man one, but every man at least two. Surely we all know some friend who would greatly enjoy watching this exhibition. Let us remember that there are over seventy participants in the entertainment, most of whom pay no admission, consequently we must fill up this break in our ranks by being generous. The reserved seat tickets will be here today, so every man should have his preliminary ticket paid for now. These reserved seats must be bought with cash, therefore the ticket-sellers must have cash for all tickets they dispose of. A block of seats in the center of the house is to be reserved for us and these we must fill. It is also desired that all men wear dress suits. From time to time during the evening college yells and songs will be in order and here every man is necessary. The Majestic is a large place and lusty shouting is necessary to make the rafters ring. All plans are now practically completed and everything points to a grand success. The only duty left for us all is to sell tickets; from now until Wednesday every man must do his best to convince his acquaintances that they should not miss this opportunity.

The Chess Winners.

The preliminary games in the chess tournament which has been going on for a few weeks have been finished and the four men who have won all their games are Toll, Pound, Kinney, and Driscoll. In some mysterious way, two of the men who were on last year's team were matched against each other, and according to the rules of the match, the one who lost will not be on the team which will meet the team of Syracuse. However, there is one last chance given to him; he may challenge the winners of the preliminaries, and if he succeeds in winning from them he will receive a place on the team. The arrangement seems particularly strange because it happened that the captain of the team was the one who was defeated in his match. However, it is probable that he will challenge two of the winners in the preliminaries, so that he may still have a position on the team.

See the Photographer.

During the following few days the Hamiltonian Board hopes to have pictures taken of all the various organizations in college which usually have their pictures in the book. It is quite necessary that these pictures be taken as soon as possible so that the cuts can be made. All the fellows are urged to be present at the photographer's office promptly at the time set for the taking of the picture. If every one is on time no one will be kept waiting and no time will be lost.

How Much Do We Read?

Dr. Wood raised an interesting question a few days ago when he asked the members of the junior American History class if they had read during the college year three or more books other than those required. Out of a class of some thirty men almost every man said that he had read three books or more. The question was then asked how many had read any scientific, philosophical, or religious works. The number which voted "yes" to this was much smaller than the first vote, showing that the greater part of our reading is fiction. However, this is to be expected, since most students read for the pleasure and recreation, which is most likely to be found in fiction. Still this does not imply that the class of fiction is not of a high character; it is what may be called light reading, but it serves a most excellent end if it succeeds in freeing a man's mind for a short time from the work or trouble which burdens it. On the other hand a man who is not using his mind constantly during the day may be able to find considerable rest in studying some subject which would be a drudgery to us after a day's work in the class room. So it is easy to account for the kind of reading which the ordinary college man does. However, the subject discussed so much of late in many of the educational magazines, has not been entirely of the kind of reading but whether college students read at all. There is hardly a student in college at present who is not engaged or even burdened with out-side work which along with his regular work consumes all his time. The rule seems to be—the better the student the more outside work he has, yet he should in every way stimulate his desire for reading, and a few minutes spent every day with some standard magazine is well worth the sacrifice it costs.

A Necessary Improvement.

To the Editor of the Hamilton Life:

The suggested fire-drill in College would be an excellent thing, no doubt, but that is not enough. When, on the night of the Junior Prom., there was a strong odor of burning wood, and a rumor of an overturned gasoline stove, more than one heart sank with consternation. A fire on the second floor would cut off all means of escape from the building, except by way of the windows. The patronesses, who in a way, felt responsible for the safety of all those chiffon-clad young girls, mentally considered ladders as impromptu fire escapes, and with some relief, thought of the yards of rope that might be made of twisted bunting. But, I can assure you, it was a very unpleasant quarter of an hour, which I do not wish to live again. There should be fire escapes on the gymnasium, before another entertainment, of any kind, is given there.

ONE OF THE PATRONESSES.

Our Baseball Prospects.

After noon chapel Wednesday Capt. Soper called a meeting of those who expected to try for the baseball team. The following men handed in their names as candidates for the different positions on the team: 1904, Soper, M. White, Judd, Ehret; 1905, Schwab, Hand, Farrell, Stiles, Merrick; 1906, Ferris, Bramley, Purdy, Stryker, Spedick, Haven, LeMunyan, W. S. Miller, P. A. Miller, Sicard, Bloyer, T. Sherman, A. Thompson; 1907, Wygant, Brown, Rood, D. H. Miller, Getman, Hoyt, Freer, Nixon, J. G. Clark.

Indoor practice in the gym. has been started and will be continued till next term. The practice will be mainly batting and base sliding, while the men are to limber up their arms each day so that they will be in shape for work on the diamond.

The prospects for the coming season are encouraging. There will be a thorough system of coaching and out of the prospective squad a strong team will develop. The 'varsity loses Peet, Hunter and Durkee of 1903, but there is good material in the freshman class which will partly compensate for their loss. Every place on the team is open to the strongest man, and Capt. Soper is confident of turning out a most successful team.

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—Peet, '03, was in Clinton over Sunday.

—Gym. show at the Majestic next Wednesday.

—Abbott, '04, was at his home in Camden last Sunday.

—Rockwell and Dickinson, '05, spent Sunday in Oneida.

—Fitch, '06, has returned to college after a long absence.

—Beckwith, '04, was in Syracuse the early part of this week.

—Pyramids and ladders are being practiced every day this week.

—Edgerton, '05, is confined at his home by an attack of the grippe.

—Mills, '05, spent Washington's birthday at his home in Mt. Morris.

—Cady Allen, '07, attended the Junior Prom. at Mt. Holyoke last week.

—Sicard, '06, who has been in Buffalo for several days, returned Wednesday.

—The condition of Gentes, '06, who is ill with pneumonia, is greatly improved.

—Lown, '04, who has been confined to his room with a severe cold, is back in college.

—The Senior Club had a very enjoyable time at the Chi Psi Lodge Thursday evening.

—Ferris, '06, who has been ill at his home in Auburn, will not return to college this term.

—Heacock, Speh and Schwab spent Washington's birthday snowshoeing in the Adirondacks.

—Colgate is to have Peabody, of Williams, instead of Potter, to coach her in track this season.

—Loftis, '05, attended the annual banquet of the Albany Delta Upsilon Club last Thursday night.

—Colgate's Glee and Instrumental Clubs give an entertainment at the Utica Free Academy tonight.

—The committee in charge have obtained fine posters for the show at the Majestic Wednesday evening.

—Colgate's basket-ball team had an interesting proposition in their recent game with the Buffalo Y. M. C. A.

—The sophomores have finally finished with Brandt's German Grammar and are now devoting their time to translating.

—The Whist Club met at the Psi Upsilon House Thursday evening after the basket-ball game with St. Lawrence University.

—The Varsity football picture was taken Wednesday afternoon. Gibbon did much to enliven the performance so that many smiling faces will doubtless appear in the proof.

—The All-Collegiates received a rather harsh drubbing at Frankfort last Saturday night. D. Dowling, Crumb, Mann, E. Clark and Newton composed the team. Score 24 to 2.

—"To be or not to be? That is the question" regarding an Easter trip for the Musical Club. The answer depends upon the members, and not upon the management of the club.

—The fellows who failed to hear Mr. McKelway last Monday missed a fine and interesting discourse. The student body was well represented, however, which shows that the majority did not take advantage of Washington's birthday as a holiday.

—There are but two more basket-ball games this season, Williams and Colgate. The former is to be played in Utica next Friday, and the latter in the gym. on Saturday. Let's show the team that there is still some spirit on the Hill and support them loyally in these two struggles.

—Where has the snow plow been lately? It is almost impossible to pass from one recitation hall to another because of the deep drifts. Not only are we unfortunate in being obliged to sit in cold rooms, but we must do it with our clothes filled with snow. One need not wonder at the large amount of sickness which is prevalent.

—Through a mistake the guests of the Emerson Literary Society during Prom. week were unintentionally omitted. They were Mrs. Crumb, Bainbridge;

Mrs. Barnes, Middletown; Miss Ballen, Syracuse; Miss Thompson, Thompson Ridge; Miss Prosens, Rochester; Miss Smith, Northampton, Mass.; Miss Cullen, Utica; Miss Von Trompe, Utica; Miss Helmer, Utica; Miss Barclay, Northampton, Mass.; Miss Dowling, Waterville; Miss Schuderer, Utica; Miss Davenport, Waterville; Miss May, Geneva; Miss Tillinghast, Utica; Miss Love, New York.

Sheridan's Rivals.

Those members of the English Club who were at Prof. Ibbotson's home last Friday night appreciated greatly the amateur presentation of Sheridan's Rivals. That there are some good actors in College, not one of the audience doubts, but perhaps the faultless acting of the male participants was due to those young ladies of Clinton, who so well interpreted the ladies' parts of the production. Although the play occupied more than two hours, no one seemed to lose interest. The next play attempted will be "She Stoops to Conquer." This, considering the experience which the members of the troop have gained, should be just as interesting. No one who is privileged to attend should miss this next attraction.

When the Rivals had settled their troubles refreshments were served, and then, with Strickland at the piano, the fellows sang with great effect some of our rousing college songs. Prof. Ibbotson urged the men to remain after the ladies departed; this invitation no one who had sampled his good cigars failed to accept. It was twelve o'clock before the lovers of the "weed" reluctantly took their departure.

Hereafter Harvard will confer degrees at the end of the first half year upon such men as have finished the required work. This rule goes into effect at once and those who receive degrees now will be counted members of the class that graduates in June.

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Hamilton Fifth.

The following clipping is taken from the *Utica Press*. It shows clearly the place Hamilton occupies among the American institutions of learning:

Dr. John Huston Finley, president of the College of the City of New York, uses statistics provided by the state board of regents to show that the college man has a decided advantage in life. According to Dr. Finley, one in 40 of college bred men succeeds in life, while only one non-college man in 10,000 has a chance to gain distinction as a public man. These figures indicate that the college man has 250 chances to one for the non-college man to win success. Two American biographical works were the basis on which the figures given by the office of the state board of regents were estimated. The graduates of Hamilton College stand fifth in the list of American colleges with a record of 5.2 per cent. who have been successful according to their standards. West Point, Annapolis, Harvard and Williams are the ones preceding it in the list. Harvard's record is 5.5 per cent. and Williams 5.3 per cent.

Among the Colleges.

Yale is trying to arrange for a "Yale Day" at the St. Louis Exposition.

Eighty thousand dollars has been raised for the Y. M. C. A. building at McGill University.

Princeton is offering this year a senior elective in general sanitation which will include water supply and ventilation in their domestic relations, and also the elements of public hygiene.

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